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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF COMMERCE NEMESIO FERNANDEZ-CUESTA'S  
APPRAISAL OF THE 1974 ECONOMIC YEAR

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1. DURING MY PROTOCOL VISIT TO THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE,  
NEMESIO FERNANDEZ-CUESTA, HE INITIATED THE CONVERSATION WITH  
THE COMMENT THAT HE HAD VERY MUCH ENJOYED HIS SUB-DIRECTORSHIP  
OF THE BANK OF SPAIN AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE STAYED THERE,  
BUT HE HAD BEEN WANTED BACK IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE.

2. HE REMARKED THAT ALL THE PROBLEMS HE HAD KNOWN THROUGH JUNE  
1973 AS UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE WERE STILL AROUND. BUT  
HE ADDED THAT THOSE WERE INSIGNIFICANT COMPARED TO THE PROBLEMS  
SPAIN NOW FACED IN ITS ECONOMIC SITUATION DUE TO THE INCREASED  
COSTS OF PETROLEUM, EVERY INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIAL, AND FOOD  
PRODUCTS WHICH SPAIN ALSO IMPORTS IN LARGE QUANTITIES. THE  
EFFECT WAS THAT IN 1974 SPAIN WOULD EXPERIENCE A SERIOUS  
OUTFLOW OF ITS RESOURCES WHICH THEY COULD ONLY HOPE TO

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CURTAIN BY A MUCH MORE VIGOROUS PROMOTION OF THEIR EXPORTS,  
A PROGRAM WHICH THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WAS NOW INITIATING.

YET COST INFLATION WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT THAT EFFORT. THE MINISTER COMMENTED THAT OF COURSE THE U.S. MARKET WAS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE IN A NEW SPANISH EXPORT DRIVE.

3. I ASKED THE MINISTER WHETHER HE THOUGHT THE 1974 YEAR WOULD BE FURTHER COMPLICATED BY A DECLINE IN TOURISM, TO WHICH HE REPLIED HE EXPECTED THE RATE OF GROWTH IN TOURISM TO FALL BUT HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE A DECLINE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR'S LEVEL.

4. THE MINISTER CONTINUED HIS REMARKS ABOUT 1974 WITH THE STATEMENT THAT SPAIN DID NOT HAVE MAJOR COMMERCIAL PROBLEMS WITH THE U.S., ALTHOUGH OUR SCRAP CONTROLS DID AFFECT THEM. IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT FERNANDEZ-CUESTA INFORMED ME OF THE DECISION ON THE SOYBEAN IMPORTS VARIABLE LEVY/REBATE SYSTEM REPORTED REFTEL.  
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